

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**HB 1606 - SB 2000**

March 5, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Changes the start of the registration year for lobbyists and employers of lobbyists from October 1<sup>st</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>; permits employers of lobbyists to download the Ethics Commission Manual for Lobbyists and Employers of Lobbyists from the commission's website to fulfill their registration requirement.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**


**Increase State Revenues – Less than \$10,000 One-Time**

Assumptions:

- The bill would not change the number of registered lobbyists or employers of lobbyists but would only change the commencement of their registration year from October 1<sup>st</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- If this bill passed, a lobbyist or employer of a lobbyist whose registration year began in October of 2006 would still be current until January 2008.
- An increase in state revenues would occur if lobbyists and employers of a lobbyists register in November or December of 2007 before the new registration year begins in January 2008.
- The number of lobbyists and employers of lobbyists registering in November and December of 2006 combined was 147 and 101, respectively.
- This estimate assumes that many of the November and December 2006 registrants will wait until the new registration date of January 1<sup>st</sup> to register. If 25% of those registering in November and December of 2006, register in November and December of 2007, there would be a one-time increase in state revenues of \$9,300.
- The commission's regulations currently authorize employers of lobbyists to download the manual to satisfy their registration requirements.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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